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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SALE OF SPANISH ARMS TO IRAQ

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1. USINT STRONGLY URGES THAT USG APPROVE SPANISH REQUEST FOR SALE OF 200 106 RECOILLESS RIFLES TO IRAQ AS PART OF WESTERN EFFORT TO BREAK NEAR MONOPOLY THAT USSR HAS ON SUPPLY OF MILITARY HARDWARE TO IRAQ.

2. AS DEPT. AWARE SOVIET-IRAQI RELATIONSHIP IS IN STATE OF FLUX AS RESULT IRAQ'S ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE BASED ON OIL REVENUES AND POLITICAL DIFFERENCES TOWARD MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, IRAN, AND OTHER ISSUES. SOVIET WEIGHT CONTINUES TO BE FELT PRINCIPALLY THROUGH ARMS SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP AND POTENTIAL INFLUENCE WITH ICP AND KURDS. THERE ARE OTHER SIGNS THAT GOI WANTS TO LESSEN MILITARY DEPENDENCE SUCH AS RECENT ORDER FOR 200 TANK TRANSPORTS FROM WEST GERMANY AND INCREASED REQUESTS FOR MILITARY TRAINING IN UK SINCE OCTOBER WAR. WHILE THESE ARE MODEST SIGNS IN VIEW OF REPORTED SOVIET SUPPLY OF SOPHISTICATED A/C AND MILLILES, THEY REPRESENT OPENING FOR WEST THAT COULD BE SIGNIFICANT

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